

# New Here?

**Welcome to Marvin Methodist Church!** | We are glad you are here. **Text the word NEW to 90382 so we can connect!** First time at Marvin? Grab the Connection Card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it, and then take it to the information desk today so we can present you with a welcome gift.

**Information** | Visit the Welcome Center for information about programs, ministries and places to serve. Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, *Marvin Messenger*. Click the NEWSLETTER SIGNUP button on the bottom of our homepage, marvin.church. Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/marvinmethodist.

**Sunday School** | Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Get details at the information desk.

**Kids** | Your kids are special guests! Pick up a worship bag and children’s bulletin at the sanctuary entrances. Care is available for children 5 and under in the nursery. Need a quiet place for your baby? Visit room 101 beneath the sanctuary where you can watch the service on a monitor in a peaceful setting.

**Ready to join?** | Complete the Connection Card found in the pew pocket in front of you and then come to the front of the church at the pastor’s invitation for new members. You will be given the vows of membership and introduced to the congregation. Contact Alicia Manfrin (amanfrin@marvin.church) to join outside of worship.

**Need prayer?** | Take a prayer card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it and put it in the offering plate.

**Assisted Listening & Hearing** | Please see an usher for information about our assisted listening and hearing systems.

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## This Week

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**Today**  
Blood Drive, 9 a.m. | Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Confirmation Fall 2025, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m. | Littles, Lessons, & Lattes (4s), 10 a.m.  
Marvin Concert Series (Min Kwon, Graeme Steele Johnson, & Masumi Rostad) 5 p.m.  
Unite (Junior High), 5 p.m. | Unite (Senior High), 6:30 p.m.

**Monday**  
MMC Foundation Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. | Evening Pickleball, 5 p.m.  
Robinson Handbells Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. | SHINE Night, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Hiway 80 Lunches, 9:30 a.m. | Women in the Word Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday Men’s Bible Study, 11 a.m. | Laymen’s Lunch & Bible Study, 11 a.m.  
MMC Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, noon  
Women’s Ministry Team Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Morning Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. | Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 10 p.m.  
Midweek Meditation, 12:05 p.m. | GriefShare, 3:45 p.m. Midweek Meal, 5 p.m.  
Experiencing God, 6 p.m. | Teach Me to Pray, 6 p.m.  
What Did John Wesley Say About?, 6 p.m. | Student Covenant Groups, 6 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Ventures McKinney Trip, 8 a.m. | Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m.  
Moms of Marvin Bake Day, 10 a.m. | Fishers of Men Bible Study, 1 p.m.  
Afternoon Pickleball, 4 p.m. | Missions Team Executive Meeting, 5 p.m.  
Adult 18+ Volleyball, 6:30 p.m. | Missions Team At Large Meeting, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Confirmation 2025 Celebration Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday**  
Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Confirmation Fall 2025 Service, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m. | EDGE (5th Grade Bible Study), 5 p.m.  
Unite (Junior High), 5 p.m. | Unite (Senior High), 6:30 p.m.

# Ways to Serve

### Christmas Joy

For the Christmas Joy wrapping station, Missions needs rolls of wrapping paper, new bags, tissue paper, and boxes.

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### Blood Drive

Make a difference in the lives of others by donating blood today. Visit carterbloodcare.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

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### Serve Night

Join us on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in Pirtle Hall to help us stuff stocking for Christmas Joy and assemble care packages for our troops.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ *Let the prelude be a veil dropped between a secular world of distractions \_\_\_\_\_ and a singular desire to be in God’s presence.*

**PRELUDE**

*Gavotte*  
by Matthew Camidge  
Jeff Emge, oboist

## WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
People: **Whose confidence is in Him alone.**  
Leader: They are like a tree planted by the water,  
People: **Rooted and nourished by the stream of life.**  
Leader: They do not fear when heat comes;  
People: **Their leaves are always green.**  
Leader: Trust in the Lord and draw near to Him!  
People: **He alone is our source of life and hope!**

**\*OPENING HYMN 102**

*My Hope Is Built*  
THE SOLID ROCK

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 33**

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

**MARVIN CONNECTION**

**CELEBRATION CHOIR (11)**

*Dem Bones*  
arr. Audrey Snyder  
Laura Burton, director; Sarah Lee, pianist

**MEDITATION**

*Eternal Life*  
by Olive Dungan  
Azia Fields, soprano

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 7:15–20 NIV

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Holy Spirit, help us to live our lives connected to the true vine, Jesus Christ. Apart from Christ we can do nothing. Remaining in Christ we find abundant life and spiritual nourishment that allows us to produce fruit. Heavenly Father prune us so that we can bear even more fruit; all for Your glory. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

# SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Nearer, Still Nearer*  
arr. Dan Forrest  
Laude Chorum (8:30); Chancel Choir (11)  
Jeff Emge, oboist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*SERMON HYMN 342**

*In the Garden*  
GARDEN

**\*SERMON TEXT**

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Life on the Vine*  
Dr. Marc Donaldson

**\*COMMITMENT HYMN 329**

*Higher Ground*  
HIGHER GROUND

**\*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**We welcome and receive you into the fellowship of Marvin Methodist Church. We promise to surround you with a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ. Today, we renew our vows of loyalty both to Christ and the church. As representatives of Christ in the world, we promise to do all in our power to strengthen Marvin’s ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*God of Grace*  
arr. Paul Manz

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Ministers:** The people of Marvin Methodist Church  
**Lead Core Pastor:** Dr. Marc Donaldson | **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Joiner  
**Director of Music and Fine Arts:** Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story  
**Acolytes:** Elizabeth McCord, James McCord (8:30); Archer Van Meter, Marietta Oden (11)  
**Altar Flowers:** Given in loving memory of Curtis W. Mewbourne by his wife, Joanne Mewbourne, and family.  
**Liturgical color:** Green, indicating our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

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Coming Events

**Min Kwon, Graeme Steele Johnson, & Masumi Rostad**  
**Today, 5 p.m., Chapel**  
The Marvin Concert series continues with pianist Min Kwon, clarinetist Graeme Steele Johnson, violist Masumi Rostad. Each celebrated for their creative vision and potent collaborations, the trio now join forces to explore the rich repertoire for their mixed-timbre ensemble.

**Confirmation Fall 2025 Service**  
**Sunday, Nov. 16, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**  
Join us as we celebrate our Confirmands as they make their decision to be baptized and/or profess their faith and become members of Marvin Methodist Church.

**Christmas Joy**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 3 and Thursday, Dec. 4**  
We will share the joy of the holiday seasons with children and families in the Tyler area. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit the table by the Information Desk or visit [marvin.church/events](http://marvin.church/events) and search for Christmas Joy 2025.

**Advent Poinsettias and Blankets**  
**Order deadline is Sunday, Dec. 7**  
Purchase poinsettias and/or blankets in memory or in honor of a loved one. Visit the Welcome Center or scan the QR code to make your purchase.

Poinsettias



Blankets



**Marvin Midweek**  
Will you be here on Wednesday night for Marvin Midweek? Each week the meal begins at 5 p.m. followed by classes from 6–7 p.m. Meal reservations must be made the Tuesday before the meal. You can register for classes and make meal reservations by scanning the QR code.



Marvin’s Family

**Pray for |** Ken Aitken, Joan Beach, Betty Bower, Suzy Bruce, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Cris Criswell, Janell Edwards, Rusty Fletcher, Carol Glidewell, Tom Gregory, Benji Guinn, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, John Horton, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Bart Lane, Maria Lopez, Dorothy Mackey, Anita Nourse, Anne Odendhal, Pam Petty, Jay Riley, Su Plunkett, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Nancean Stover, Kathy Strain, Suzie Tomme, Susan Turner, Russ Willis, military personnel and their families.

**New this week |** Tim West

**Congratulations to |** Scott and Melissa Eeds on the birth of a grandson, Ryder Banks SirLouis, October 23.

**Sympathy to |** Brenda Byerly on the death of her mother, Dorothy Mae Stine Byerly, of Lindale, November 1.

Stewardship Campaign Update

Pledges Received = 326  
Total Pledged Amount = \$3,137,618.40

61% of the 2026 budget has been pledged

If you have not returned your 2026 pledge card, we invite to participate in our collective goal to receive 100% of the operating budget. Covenant Cards can be found in the pew pockets and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office once completed. Thank you, Marvin Church, for prayerfully considering your 2026 gifts to support God’s work through the ministry of Marvin Church.

NOTES

Giving News



We are so thankful for everyone who joined us for Littles, Lessons, and Lattes! This special time gives parents the chance to experience Sunday School alongside their little ones—a morning filled with learning, connection, and sweet memories together. Your support makes moments like these possible!

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY  
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